



FACT SHEET

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES - GOVERNOR'S PROGRAM

Overview

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Program was a formula grant program, administered by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Funds were provided to state and local educational agencies, as well as to Governors, for a wide range of school and community-based education and prevention activities to create a safe and drug-free learning environment and support student academic achievement.

Annually, 80% of California's allocation was distributed to the California Department of Education (CDE). The remaining 20% of California's allocation (Governor's Program) was given to the Governor to assign a designee to administer the funds. The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) was designated by the Governor to administer these funds. For the final award in Federal Fiscal Year 2009, California's SDFSC allocation was \$35,161,795. CDE received \$28,129,436 and ADP received \$7,032,359. These funds were eliminated with the 2010 Federal Appropriations. Current projects will continue through June 30, 2011.

Governor's Program

The Governor's Program was designed to complement CDE SDFSC funding by serving:

- Children and youth who are not normally served by state or local educational agencies
- Populations that need special services or additional resources such as youth in juvenile detention facilities, runaway or homeless children and youth, pregnant and parenting teenagers, and school dropouts

SDFSC Programs were based on:

- Objective data to identify needs
- An established set of performance measures
- Scientifically based research;
- An analysis of risk and protective factors
- Meaningful and ongoing participation of parents

County Grants

ADP provided a competitive grant program to fund alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, and violence prevention programs that met the requirements of the law and demonstrated measurable results. In the final round of funding, 18 grants were competitively awarded SDFSC grant funding. Grants received a maximum award of \$220,000 per year.

Grant programs began in October 2007, and focus on the following three priority populations: foster youth, children of substance-abusing parents/caregivers in

treatment, and youth with a history of high rate of alcohol and other drug use/binge drinking. The priority is on persons at selective and indicated risk levels. Current projects will end June 30, 2011.

The third and final cohort of county grantees have developed a peer-led cross-site evaluation of the SDFSC Governor's Program. The objective is to establish a model for evaluating statewide prevention initiatives and provide evidence of prevention effectiveness among selective and indicated (i.e. vulnerable) populations of youth. Preliminary results indicate services are reaching the intended vulnerable youth. These youth are demonstrating significant reductions in substance use, increased perception of harm associated with use, and increased connection to positive adult role models. The final evaluation results will be available in August 2011.

For more information regarding the Governor's SDFSC Program, or a list of grantees, please visit www.adp.ca.gov/Prevention/sdfsc.shtml.

For more information regarding CDE's SDFSC programs, please visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/at/safedrugfree.asp>.

For additional information, contact the Program Services Division, Prevention Services, at (916) 324-4398.